PTO/SE/68A (04-03)
Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OM8 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are regulared to respond to a collection of information unitess it contains a variet OMB control numb Complete if Known Substitute for form 1449/PTO **Application Number** 10/776,971

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Lise as many sheets as necessary)

Filing Date February 11, 2004 First Named Inventor CHEN, Yee Mau Art Unit 1761 Examiner Name Reginald L. Alexander Attorney Docket Number 832-US

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS									
Examiner Initiats*	Cite No.	Document Number Number+Gnd Code ^{2 (7 Indust)}	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Unes, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear				
PO	6	^{US-} 6,481,338	11-17-2002	Darrin M. Wai					
		US-							
		US-			·				
		US-							
		US-							
		US-							
		U\$-							
		US-							
		US-							
		US-							
		US-							
		US-							
		US-		T .					
		US-							
		US-	1						
		US-	1						
		US-							
		US-	1		 				
		NS-							

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS									
Examiner Initials*	No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	7*			
		Country Code ³ Thumber ⁴ "Kind Code ⁸ (# known)							
ಕಾರಿ.	1	EP 04 00 2983 12 - 2005	To Be Published	Electrical & Electronics Limited, et al.	EPR .				
	2	DE 102 47 573 A1	04-30-2003	De'Longhi S.p.A., et al.		Т			
	3	EP 1 016 364 A2	100 00 000	Article Scient, and Briggs Startestanes wer dy Seattle Astron C		Н			
	4	WO 03/055366 A2	07-10-2003	Konin-Klijka Philips Bestronics N.V., et al.	 	┢			
هبع	5	WO 02/091889 A2	11-21-2002	DE' LONGHI S.P.A., et al.		Г			

Exeminer R. Alabonder	Date Considered	2/17/2006	

"EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered, include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. "Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). "See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at where usets one of MPEP 901.04. "Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). "For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. "Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible." Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language

the appropriate sympose as indicated on the document under YVVC detailed in 1. It is produced to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burder, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-788-9199) and select option 2.